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A Letter from Ben H. Adams.

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Editor Herald:

I am now receiving the Herald along with several other papers from Southeast Missouri, and I assure you that I read everything in the Herald, advertisements and all. I am pleased to see that your paper is the official paper of the city of Cape Girardeau for I can now keep up with what is going on in city affairs. I notice among other things, in the council proceedings, that the pay of the councilmen has been raised to three hundred dollars per year. When I served in that honorable body we received the munificent sum of twenty-five dollars per year with no allowance for the tearing off of clothing in a council chamber fistie combat between members. But times have changed. The grass is growing over the ashes of many members of city councils with whom I served.

You now have a city administration that is safe and sane and I cannot help but believe that the people as a whole, will be better and more satisfactorily served by your present city administration than they have been for many years. I know personally every member of your city government and I can say that, of that whole official family, there are not more than two kite-flyers in the whole bunch and your mayor has the nerve to keep them from soaring to any dangerous height.

Well, I have seen a great deal of the country since last November, have been from coast to coast, traveled through fourteen states, but have never yet struck a state that I could be persuaded to believe is the equal of old Missouri.

Out here I meet many Missourians and they are all of my opinion about our state.

I recently went from here to Portland, Oregon, was on a big ocean steamer six days and nights each way. Until this trip I never fully realized the significance of the words "Missouri Puke," but I know now why us Missourians are thus dubbed, for going I had fun poked at me by nearly every passenger on board the ship. I puked every five minutes for three days and nights and was sicker than any horse the Kimmel boys of the Cape ever owned. I tell you I puked enough stuff to give all the dogs in Cape Girardeau a free lunch daily for three days—that is if a dog would eat Missouri puke. I didn't have to tell the passengers that I was from Missouri. They needed no introduction on that point. When I would begin to gag the passengers would yell, "look at that Missourian," and then the gag was followed by another upheaval. Now I want to give you fellows back there who have never been on an ocean trip and are contemplating such trip just three words of advice and that advice is DON'T DO IT. You will save much humiliation by contenting yourselves with water trips to an occasional excursion on the steamer Cape Girardeau from the Cape to Commerce on the grand old Mississippi river. The big Pacific ocean was never intended for a native Missourian to ride the waves on. I never intend to get out of sight of land again till the Lord furnishes me with a pair of wings and commands me to fly straight up.

California is so different from Missouri that I cannot undertake to tell you the many differ-

ences. The money in circulation here is nearly all gold and silver. Paper money is seldom seen. The country is prosperous and money plentiful. A common labor receives two dollars and fifty cents per day for eight hours work. Good job printers command from three to five dollars per day, and all tradesmen get good wages. It costs less to live here than it does in Cape Girardeau, and here the weather is always pleasant—no sweating in the summer time and no cold feet in the winter.

Some of you fellows come out here and enjoy life.

Ben H. Adams.

Special Correspondence.

Jefferson City, August 7—

This city is now, if never before the permanent seat of the government of the State of Missouri. The lightning flash that set fire to the big dome of the old capitol last February was a stroke of good for Jefferson City, however, it may have managed the state; and its destructive effect may prove a great gain instead of a great loss to the state.

The removal of the seat of government and the construction of a new capitol have been subjects of continual agitation for many years and the removal proposition has been a haunting ghost and a menace to the growth and development of this city. Through the emergency created by the destruction of the capitol last winter a splendid new capitol has been assured and its erection will make Jefferson City the permanent capitol of the state because the people will never abandon a three million dollar capitol for the sake of establishing the seat of state government elsewhere.

These troublesome questions having been at last settled by the people of the state, the people of Jefferson City have been inspired with a new enthusiasm and will develop their city till it becomes a far more acceptable place for the state government than it has ever been. Their present enthusiasm knows no bounds. That are slated. They are optimistic. They are breathing the atmosphere of certainty instead of the atmosphere of doubt. They are on safe ground now, and can plan and build without further speculation concerning capitol removal or the location and construction of a great state capitol. Col. Torrey cannot cart the capitol away to the border of Arkansas nor can St. Louis real estate speculators pick it up and make a real estate sign board of it. It will stay right here and draw the good citizens of every section to its halls and its chambers. No wonder Jefferson City men, women and children were wild with glee the day following the special election last week.

A Decided Success.

The big show given here last week under the auspices of the Commercial club was a decided success in every way, excepting the poor management on the opening night.

Large crowds from all the different places in southeast Missouri were present and judging from reports everyone seemed pleased with what they seen. Owing to the weather man's changeable disposition the rain put a damper on two nights of the performance.

The show left here for St. Joseph where they are showing this week.

Wittmor Elected

Louis Wittmore was elected councilman from the second ward last week, Thursday, to succeed the late Benj. R. Hempstead. Mr. Wittmor polled 149 votes, while his opponent, W. H. Bohnsack, received only 63. The election was a very quiet one owing to the fact that most of the people were busy talking about the big Pompeii show. Mr. Wittmor was qualified at the meeting of the city council Monday night.

Only Two Auto Accidents.

Two auto accidents were reported last Friday night, but nothing of a serious nature. It was reported that a woman driving along North Henderson street was thrown from her buggy and shaken up a bit, while the other accident was of a mild nature. Young McDonald of near Jackson, who was running his machine at a pretty good clip from the show grounds had the misfortune to run into a buggy and batter up his machine. The buggy was standing on the street with no horse hitched to it, and when McDonald came along he was unable to see the vehicle as the rain was falling pretty fast. After colliding with the buggy he attempted to reverse his machine and got his foot on the wrong lever and booted it again. Leslie's girl, we think, was helping him drive.

Charged of Mayhem

Fireman Joseph Harrold who was charged with biting part of Engineer W. A. Demaines ear off during a fight at Crystal City some time ago was tried at Festus last Friday and was found guilty of mayhem. He was released on a \$500.00 bond. Prosecuting Attorney Dorris of this city assisted at the trial. A new trial will be given in the Circuit court of Jefferson county.

THE BIG RE-UNION.

Tuesday morning, promptly at 8:45, the Fourth Annual Home Comers' Re-Union of Cape Girardeau County begin its week of festivities in Jackson. As announced the whistles, bells and bands gave the opening salute. The day was ideal until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon when great torrents of rain came pouring down, causing the merry-makers to abandon the streets for several minutes. The big Patterson Carnival company is attracting large crowds daily. Their shows are good and clean and nothing will be showed that will offend the most fastidious person.

Wednesday the crowds begin arriving early, and by noon the streets were crowded, everyone seeming happy. The shows were packed all day.

The stock parade took place at 11:00 a. m., which was the grandest parade ever seen in this county. See premium list elsewhere in this issue.

Thursday the crowds were much larger. The big attractions were: Reunion of all the old people in the court rooms, doll buggy parade and the awarding of prizes, free attractions, etc.

The big attractions today will be auto parades, concerts, the arrival of Cape Girardeau people in autos, reunion of former citizen, the address of welcome by A. D. Hubbard, and baseball games.

Tomorrow the awarding of many prizes, new shows, free attractions and contest.

Miss Mary Beck of Hillsboro, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. S. L. Rogers.

Behind the Bars

J. P. Matthews, a former postmaster of Steele, who is serving a nine months term in the city jail as a federal prisoner, who was convicted of tampering with the mails, will have to be kept behind the bars.

Heretofore Matthews has been allowed to run at large as his charge was of a very mild nature. U. S. Marshal Regenhart reported to Judge Dyer that the man was allowed to run at large and Mr. Dyer sent word to the marshal of this city that he must be kept behind the bars as the law so states.

It is said that one of Matthews' lawyers who offended the court by his Pemiocet method of examining witnesses and addressing the jury is responsible for his serving time.

The cause of Matthews' arrest was that while he was postmaster at Steele he got sick and was compelled to go to bed, and he appointed a man to take care of the office a few days until he got up, without swearing him in. While Matthews was sick along came a postoffice inspector and found his books short three or four dollars, then he reported him.

He was allowed his liberty by the marshal of this city until Marshal Regenhart reported him last Saturday.

Passes Through Here

The Patterson big carnival company, 22 circus cars, were transferred here from the Frisco Monday to the Houck road, for delivery at Jackson. The train was divided into four sections and was taken to Jackson one section at a time.

Advance Man Hurt

Cad Dilling, a timberman for a saw mill near Advance, had the misfortune while cutting timber to let a tree fall on him last Saturday. He was brought to the hospital here in a serious condition. The man is twenty-three years of age.

Hartsok-Blackburn

Miss Jessie Blackburn and Clarence Hartsok, a traveling agent for a typewriter firm, slipped off to Jackson last Sunday and were married.

They left Wednesday for the east on their honeymoon. Miss Blackburn is one of Cape's popular young ladies.

Teacher Resigns

J. B. Came, head of the department of classical languages, has expressed his intention of leaving this city at the end of the summer term and take up a similar position in the Normal school at Florence, Alabama.

Big Show Coming.

The Wallace-Magenbeck's great animal show will be here in September. This will be the only circus to visit our city this summer.

Cape Girardeau Day.

Today is Cape Girardeau day at the Jackson Home Comers'. About fifty automobiles will leave here at noon beautifully decorated. Each car will float a Cape penant.

For Sale.

One good Bates-Edmondson 4 horse power gasoline engine. Will sell at a bargain. The engine is in perfect order and cost in the neighborhood of \$200.00 when new. Reason for selling is we have motor power. Sixty dollars buys the engine. For information call at this office.

City Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session, Hon. F. A. Kage, Mayor, presiding, with Councilman Coerver, Flentge, Medley, Moeder, Morrison and Wilson present; absent, Mr. Haas.

The reading of the record of the proceedings of the regular session of July 21st and July 27th was dispensed with and the record approved as published, on motion of Mr. Morrison.

The Committee appointed to receive the returns of the special election, for councilman for the Second Ward, held on Thursday, August 3, 1911, presented their report, showing that at said election Louis Wittmor received 149 votes, and William H. Bohnsack received 63 votes.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, duly carried, said report was received and ordered filed, and Mr. Louis Wittmor was declared duly elected as Councilman for the unexpired term of Benjamin R. Hempstead, deceased, and the Clerk ordered to issue Certificate of Election accordingly.

Mr. Wittmor being present, he took the required oath of office, whereupon his Commission duly executed was delivered to him, and he took his seat.

This being the meeting advertised to receive and open bids for the work of improving William Street, from the east curb line of Sprigg Street to the west curb line of Acquamsi Street, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinances No. 958 and No. 963, the clerk presented and read the following bids to-wit:

Bid No. 1, Durnell & Hawley, \$9095.71.

Bid No. 2, Herman Loeffel, \$9229.71.

Mr. Morrison presented a resolution deeming the bid of Durnell & Hawley the lowest and best bid received, providing for its acceptance by the council, and providing that the contract for the said work be awarded to them, and authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with them for said work of improvement, which resolution was adopted, after being read, on motion of Mr. Coerver.

This being the meeting advertised to receive and open bids for the work of improvement of Pacific Street, from North street to its northern terminus, the Clerk presented and read the following bids, to-wit:

Bid No. 1, Durnell & Hawley, \$3922.29.

Bid No. 2, Herman Loeffel, \$4072.61.

Bid No. 3, Thomas J. Shorb, \$4219.47.

Mr. Wilson presented a resolution deeming the bid of Durnell & Hawley to be the lowest and best bid received, providing for its acceptance by the Council, and providing that the contract be awarded them, and authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with them for said work of improvement, which resolution was unanimously adopted, on motion of Mr. Flentge.

A petition signed by J. F. Fuerth, Louis Houck, Thos. M. Williams and B. C. Hardesty, property owners on North street, between Fountain and Main streets, praying that said part of said street be opened, graded and improved was read and referred to the proper committee, on motion of Mr. Flentge, which committee the mayor designated to be the Street and Wharf Committee.

A petition of property owners on Pacific street, from North street to its terminus, approximately 800 feet, proposed to be improved, praying that water mains be ordered installed on said part of Pacific street before its improvement, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Morrison, the Clerk was instructed to direct the Cape Girardeau Water Works and Electric Light Company to install said water mains before said work of improvement is commenced by the contractors.

A numerously signed petition of property owners on Broadway, praying the establishment of a grade for sidewalks on Broadway, west of Pacific street was read and ordered filed.

The City Engineer and City Counselor presented their report in the matter of the remonstrance filed at the last regular meeting and referred to them for examination and report as to the sufficiency thereof, reported

that it is sufficient both as the number of resident owners and resident owners of the majority of front feet, whereupon Mr. Coerver's motion prevailing, the proposed improvement of Jefferson Avenue, from Benton street to Hanover street was abandoned.

The City Engineer and City Counselor, in the matter of the remonstrance against the proposed improvement of Hanover St. from William to College St., filed at the last regular meeting and referred to them for examination and report as to its sufficiency, reported to the signers were in the majority both as to resident owners and owning a majority of front feet; whereupon, upon motion of Mr. Flentge said proposed improvement was abandoned.

A petition purporting to be signed by a majority of resident owners who own a majority of the front feet on Hanover street, between College and Bloomfield streets praying that said part of Hanover street be improved by grading and macadamizing the same and constructing curbs and gutters thereon, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Flentge, referred to the Street and Wharf Committee for preparation of the necessary estimate, profile and plans and specifications.

A petition purporting to be signed by a majority of the resident owners owing a majority of the front feet on Jefferson Avenue, from Benton street and Henderson Avenue, praying the improvement of said street by grading, macadamizing and constructing of curbs and gutters, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Flentge, referred to the Street and Wharf Committee for preparation of the necessary estimate, plans and specifications and profile.

A communication from the City Attorney questioning the compliance with the State Law of Ordinance No. 951, concerning complaints in the Police Court, was read and ordered referred to the City Counselor for examination and report.

The Judiciary committee reported 5 ordinances referred to them by the City Counselor, and recommended their passage at this meeting which report was received and concurred in, on motion of Mr. Coerver.

OFFICER'S REPORTS.

The following City Officer's reports, for the month of July, were read:

FRED BRUNKE, Street Commissioner:

Reports the expenditure of \$115.65 for labor and \$411.25 for teams during the month of July, distributed as follows:
Grading Cemetery \$447.90,
Catch basins \$12, flush tanks \$3,
West Broadway \$22, Court House square \$5, Mill town \$1.50, N. Frederick street \$18, Spanish \$5.50.

Pay roll: Tom Summers \$30, Fred Brunke \$60.

Harry E. Alexander, Police Judge, reports executions No. 2725 to No. 2731 inclusive, aggregating \$128.50 in fines and costs. Credit to Marshal \$72.50; balance due by marshal July 27, 56.

William A. Summers, Marshal, reports executions No. 2725 to 2731, aggregating fines and costs \$128.50, accounted for as follows: Escaped, \$10.00; Stayed, \$72.50; Labor, \$4; Cash, \$42. Total, 128.50.

He also reports collection of \$49.00 account board of Federal prisoners.

Barney Kraft, Fire Chief, reports no fires and three false alarms during the months, for which there is due firemen for attendance: P. Kotterer, Al Dittinger, Leo Bruening, Al Huhn, and C. Hunze, each, \$2.00; Herman Voges, Sid Verbal, Theo. Gerlach, each, \$4. Richard Rabich \$5. And Leon Joens and Charles Hahn, each \$50.

Edward Willer, Collector, reports collections account:
Real and per taxes \$304.76
Int. on delinquent taxes 75.83
Collector's fees 11.20
Dramshop adv. taxes 5.00
120 Occupation license 2939.00
\$3335.79

Louis F. Brunke, City Sexton, reports both cemeteries in good, and recommends the sowing of Bermuda grass seed on the por-

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